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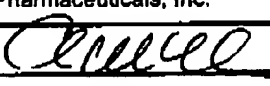
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 10, 2006, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request the entry of the below amendments and reconsideration of the rejection in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims start on page 2.

Remarks start on page 4.